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Editorials

The now famous 'B. A.' Bill, introduced into the Legislative assembly by the Hon. W. W. Lynch, and passed by that house a year ago, is about to undergo a second trial before the legislature, being this time fathered by Mr. J. S. Hall, M. P. P. for Montreal West. The reasons for the rejection of this measure in the Council, after passing the lower house with a respectable majority, were far from conclusive, but are the main grounds of opposition taken by the opponents of the bill. A determined effort now seems

likely to be made to prevent this measure again passing the Assembly, and a meeting of the Bar of the District of Montreal, was called on Saturday, the 25th of January, to protest against its provisions.

It has frequently been urged that a provision of law, exempting Bachelors of Arts from the necessity of passing the preliminary examination imposed by the Councils of the professional bodies, would be, to favour the graduates of the English speaking Universities whose degrees were, in general, obtained much more easily than those of Laval, while several other French speaking colleges of high standing grant no degrees at all.

The reputation McGill has won for herself throughout Canada, the United States, and even in Europe is of itself a sufficient refutation of any allegation of want of competency on the part of her graduates, while the very plentiful decorating of names with letters of learned import would hardly bear out the claim of reserve and severe restriction in the matter of degrees on the part of the, so-called, injured Universities.

Another plausible plea put forward by the opponents of the B. A. bill is that, if the graduates of McGill and Lennoxville, not to mention Universities of other provinces, are as competent as claimed, why should they demur to an examination they should be able to pass with ease? The answer to this is, that the examination in itself, easy or difficult, is far from the sole ground of complaint. It is the principle of allowing independent and irresponsible professional bodies to openly cast a slur on the teaching of, at least one eminent University, in denying it privileges, which are freely extended by like bodies to similar Universities in all parts of the British Empire.

Any claim that the result of the 'B. A.' measure, if carried, would be to derogate from the qualifications of men entering the professions, and open its portals to ignorant and half trained aspirants, is simply ridiculous. There can be no comparison between the short-timed test the profession impose than the long series of rigid examinations that lead up to the degree of B. A. in the Universities of McGill and Lennoxville. The comparatively large number of ignorant men who will be found within the ranks of the Bar is proof of the insufficiency of the present

test to act as a preventative as far as that profession is concerned.

The result of the meeting above referred to is not yet known. It is earnestly to be hoped the prejudices of an ill-informed section of the Bar will not succeed in placing an obstacle in the way of the bill to come before the Legislature.

COLLEGE UNITY.

One of the more important tendencies of the present day is seen in the rage for organizing different Societies. In the church this is especially noticeable. A long sermon is prefaced by a tedious list of notices, and, on every night in the week, some Society separates the members of the home circle. The same tendency is active in secular life, and often far more injurious; since we frequently meet with Societies operating under the veil of secrecy, and thus placing their transactions beyond the pale of the law. Thus it happens that, amid such a variety and multitude of demands on one's time and resources, the individual is thrown into inextricable confusion. The securing of important ends, which can only be attained by concentrated efforts and attention, is thus rendered almost impossible. In College life this tendency is manifested in a marked degree. At McGill, each affiliated theological College is fairly overrun with Societies, usually of a literary nature. For this reason the Undergraduates' Literary Society receives but comparatively little assistance from theological students. Pent up in the confines of their own denomination, they fail to cultivate that broadness of thought and truly Christian spirit which would be engendered by coming into contact with believers in a different creed. Hence it is that among many other students they are, generally speaking, looked upon with a mild sort of antipathy, a feeling which, to them, is summed up in that expressive term "Theolog." Another source of distraction, fortunately feeble in McGill, but quite strong in American Universities, is found in the Greek letter orders, and other secret College Societies. Whatever good they may accomplish, it is obvious that they must prove detrimental to the regular literary society, that they tend to create a false basis of social standing, and to produce College feuds. So forcibly has this been impressed upon many Universities, that their existence has been forbidden, as for instance, at Princeton and Oberlin. To what extent this Society mania will yet develop, it is impossible to foretell. Along the line of reform in this direction, the decision of McGill students to merge their separate Faculty din-

ners into a grand University banquet, is an admirable one. It is indicative of a growing feeling in favor of unity of action. It is very important that Faculty pride should not be allowed to prevent the accomplishment of so desirable an end. If all McGill students would aim more at concentration of action than at confining their attention to their own particular friends, faculty or denomination, the results would be more commensurate with the labor expended, and would increase the renown of their *Alma Mater*.

A very bad habit has been developed in McGill of a laxity in regard to punctuality. Meetings are called for a certain hour, and students put in an appearance all the way from five minutes to an hour late. In this way more time is wasted than is occupied in the transaction of business. All meetings should be called to order the minute for which notice is given, and should not be characterized by a looseness which is indicative of bad breeding or of backwoods villages, where there may be an excuse in getting stuck in a snow-drift while driving fifty miles to meeting.

One of the oldest and most esteemed members of the Faculty of Medicine has been made the victim of some coward's meanness. A man who is capable of writing an anonymous letter is a man to be despised, but one who can make false charges in such a manner, is beneath contempt. The letters have been sent to an expert in handwriting, and it is said the culprit has been detected. If so, his fellow-students will think no punishment too severe, even to expulsion.

A particularly disagreeable story comes from Kingston Medical College in connection with body snatching, which, we hope, for the good name of all students of Medicine, is not true. Whatever defects in Administration this Province may have, its Anatomy Act is admirable, and such abominations are unnecessary and impossible at any Quebec Medical School.

Contributions.

EDUCATION OF WOMEN (IN GERMANY.)

In a recent number of *The Nation* an article appeared which contained some interesting information upon the surprisingly backward state of women's education in Germany. A table of statistics given shows that of all the progressive western nations, Germany has hung back longest from allowing her women to

enter the sacred halls of learning, and, shutting the portals of knowledge upon them, is depriving her society of one of the most vital, refining and elevating influences it should enjoy.

Switzerland admitted women to her Universities in 1868 (at Zürich), Sweden in 1870, Denmark in 1875, Italy in 1876, France, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Spain and England in 1880. In Denmark, women can take degrees in anything but theology, in Sweden in anything but law and theology.

Thus all western Europe has combined to support the advance of woman's education, with the exception of Austria and Germany. In Austrian Universities, they have sometimes been admitted to hear, but in Germany even this is scarcely allowed. The "sweet-and simple" theories of the destiny of women that still possess so strongly the German mind were expressed concisely by Dr. Schneider, of Berlin, in a late address, "Where now," he sternly asks, "does women best fulfil her appointed destiny? Again Holy Writ gives us the answer: And they said unto him, 'Where is Sarah thy wife?' and he said, 'Behold, in the tent.'"

This patriarchal philosophy is more courteously and chivalrously expressed by the German poets, but the thoughts underlying the graceful words are of a similar nature. And the German women concur in these opinions of their all-wise men, accept the homage paid to their goodness and beauty with becoming gratitude, and yield all claim to the obligations and the privileges that the possession of their intellect entails upon them—this with the majority.

But a small band of reformers—chiefly women, among whom is Helene Lange—have been at work for some time, are now beginning to gain ground visibly. The movement began several years ago in connection with the system of High School for girls. These are institutions where girls are supposed to enter at about the age of seven years, and graduate in eight or nine years. They are a sort of pendant to the gymnasia. They teach a variety of subjects with scanty time for each, finally sending forth their pupils with an "education" consisting of a smattering of various arts and accomplishments. One not worthy of the name, calculated neither to store the mind with useful information, nor—far less—to deepen and ennoble the character. The reform has been attempted with regard both to the theory and the organization of these schools. The theory on which they are carried on—formulated by a body of girls, school-teachers at Weimar in 1872—is to the effect that girls ought to receive some intellectual advantages in order to make suitable companions for their educated husbands. This being the end in view, it is of course reasonable that men should be the best judges of what they themselves want. Accordingly men must be the instructors, and no women are to be admitted as teachers in the girls High Schools.

To this position there has been, of course, some objection all along, but it is only lately that the minority has become strong enough to "organize for the campaign."

At the close of 1887 a number of Berlin women presented a petition to the Prussian House of Repre-

sentatives and the Minister of Education, praying first: that women be given a larger share in the teaching of girls in the public schools, and especially that the ethical or character-building subjects be put in the hands of women teachers: second, that institutions be established by the State for the training of women competent to do this work.

By this petition the matter was brought before the public, and the government is now occupied in looking into the methods and workings of English women's colleges; let us hope that the results of the investigation may soon become apparent. There has just been established a systematic course of training for women in connection with the Victoria Lyceum at Berlin. The courses are to be obligatory for three years, to combine lectures with seminary work, and to terminate in a State examination with a diploma for those who pass. The Lyceum will probably develop in time into a regular University for women, although the only subjects it now takes up are history and German.

The "Realkurse für Frauen" provides instruction in mathematics, physics, chemistry, political economy, Latin, German, French and English. It is open to graduates of the girls high schools.

The article in *The Nation*, from which the above information has been gleaned concludes as follows: "Thus the future is in the hands of women themselves for the reformation has gained its foothold."

"It is not hard to defend the thesis that the education of girls is, in a sociological point of view, even more important than that of boys; so one cannot help wondering what would happen if this principle were recognized in Germany and put into practice. We might then look forward to a race of German women, essentially different from those of the present day. Will they be less vigorous of body? Science will see to that. Will they be less attractive to man? Nature looks out for that. Of one thing we are very sure, they will be helped and not hindered by whatever accurate knowledge they may possess, in the carrying out of the pretty domestic programme which Schiller lays down,—

"Nähren sie wachsam das ewige Feuer
Schöner gefühle mit heiliger Hand."

No doubt whatever that this is a woman's vocation, and the more intelligent she is, the better she can fulfil it."

M. A.

CANADIAN WRITERS.

The 19th century has been called an age of philanthropy. There is at present a thrill in the air, which is said to mean an awakening of Canadian national sentiment. This may then be considered a propitious moment for urging a humble plea on behalf of a forlorn and oppressed class—Canadian writers.

This portion of an otherwise prosperous community suffer deeply from the irreconcilable diversity of expectation and reality and make their timid ventures under a discouraging sense of failure. Their very

existence is denied; many of their own class expending talents and ingenuity in proving that no intellectual ability exists among us. On the one hand the soothing balm of mutual admiration has been administered to the extent of absurdity, on the other, their infirmities have been ridiculed with the cruellest candor. Strangers have encroached upon their ground and taken the bread from their mouths.

Hitherto, it has been one of our national weaknesses, to incline rather toward servile imitation of the ideals and standards of other countries than toward the development of any markedly distinctive characteristic of our own. It would not be a reckless prophecy to say that as long as the actual condition of things continues, there never will be a Canadian literature.

About forty years ago, in the United States there was a recognition by thoughtful persons of the fact, that a national literature was required as an aid to the formation of a strenuous national sentiment. The first tentative efforts in this direction may never have attained the luster of genius, but the result of sympathizing encouragement given to literary aspirants has since appeared in the work of Longfellow, Bryant, Lowell, Whittier, Bret Hart, Mark Twain, Howell, all decidedly American in character.

The Christmas before last, one of our leading Montreal dailies paid an American author a large sum of money for a tale for its Christmas number; the story could lay no claim to literary excellence, they could have obtained just as good from many Canadian writers for a quarter the price. The paper was sent everywhere as a Canadian production, but it would have required the exercise of some ingenuity to discover in what the Canadian element consisted. Some time ago the *Toronto Saturday Night* advertised that at a considerable expense, its editor had secured the rights of reprinting the tales published in a certain English journal. If Kirby's "Chien d'Or" had been written by an American, it would have been deemed a national glory, yet I question if one Canadian in ten is familiar with even the title. In the preface to a very charming work recently published in the *Century* it was asserted that the scenes and incidents of Canadian history have never as yet been touched by novelist or romancer.

There are journals, extremely particular in the collection of their subscription list, who utterly ignore the modest claims of their contributors and regard iniquitous small treasons practised upon them as rather a clever joke. Most of these papers will graciously accept articles that are offered without expectation of remuneration and do not appear to be troubled by any qualms concerning the lawfulness of the process. Is it any wonder that much of such writing is vapid, without fibre or force? There exists a class of persons to whom the glory of appearing in print seems to offer a valid source of satisfaction; of whom it may be said that while asking for bread, they will accept a stone with ingenuousness and avidity, but the physical necessities of life press upon writers with claims just as imperative as upon other men and women; even genius has not solved the problem of

living as the lily of the field, they can neither clothe themselves with fig-leaves nor nourish themselves on "the feast of reason and the flow of soul." They are forced to have bread, most have a carnal longing for butter and even yearning aspirations for cake. The consequences are that writers of ability carry their literary wares where they can expect the best remuneration, and our brightest intelligence goes to enrich the strong tide of American journalism, and many good Canadians lament as a mysterious dispensation of Providence that we "have no Canadian literature." With the selfishness common to sinful human nature, editors and proprietors of papers probably do not feel any especial claim laid upon them to devote themselves as victims upon the altars of Patriotism and Native Literature. As a class, they may be said to have a distaste amounting to fanaticism for lack of financial success. The actual occurrences of individual existence press upon them as they do upon the writers; no one can doubt that the editor's first duty is to render his paper attractive, in other words, to make it pay. Here, we reach the root of the matter. The remedy lies in the hand of the public who should be taught to recognize the link of connection. It is a simple case of the law of supply and demand. If readers wish for Canadian literature, it will very soon become the interest of publishers to supply it. Those who choose to indulge in genuine unadulterated enthusiasm concerning the intellectual development of their country might endeavor to carry out the idea in its entirety.

BLANCHE L. MACDONELL.

January 22nd, 1890.

McGill News.

The graduating class in Arts have decided to have group photos, to be taken by Notman & Co.

The sale of Arts Reading Room periodicals, although slimly attended, was quite a success financially.

H. M. Tory, fourth Arts, has been chosen speaker to represent the Arts students at the university banquet.

Evans, of the graduating class in Science, has been elected valedictorian, vice Lea, who resigned, pleading overwork.

A. E. Shuttleworth has been chosen by the students of the Science Faculty to respond to the toast—"The Undergrads," at the Banquet.

The annual Italian concert came off again last week, and Antonio did a rushing business, in the sale of tickets, among the Medicals.

Those who have "sups" will be glad to know that the date of the banquet has been fixed for an evening when they can have "sups" of another kind.

Six of the seven members of the Civil Engineering class, for the final year, are busily engaged getting out designs for a "Soo Bridge." Some original developments are expected.

The Musical Association is in charge of the music at the University banquet. This will afford an opportunity to show the value of such an organization. Where are the 25 banjos?

The graduating class in Medicine are having their "class photo." taken at Martin's this year, and are determined to have a full number of men, even if they have to "provide substitutes."

The students in Medicine are going to present a numerously signed petition to Mr. Cook, requesting him to have his photograph on sale at Summerhayes & Walford's, and Notman's, as the other professors do.

It is very encouraging to Science students to head the list with forty representatives on the football team between the years 80-86, and speaks volumes for the popular institution. Go on Science, only the best can get there.

A second year man suggests—"Drawing should be made a compulsory subject in Matriculation Examinations. The result would then be more satisfactory for diagramatic physiology, not to mention that many students would then be better prepared to do justice to the subject!"

A meeting of lady students was held on Friday, January 24th. Information respecting the approaching University Dinner was given by Miss Botterell. It was decided to postpone the discussion of the annual Donalda entertainment (for which the meeting had been called), "indefinitely." Miss Botterell, as President of the fourth year, was appointed to represent the Department on the Dinner Committee.

On November 25th, a presentation of a portrait of Sir William Dawson was made to the Natural History Society of Montreal.

If any one deserves such recognition it is Sir William, who, for 34 years, has been an active member of the Society, 20 times elected President, contributed over 140 papers to the journal of the Society, a foremost authority in the science of Geology, and personally he has given a stimulus for the study of the natural sciences to all who have come into contact with him.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was held in the College buildings on Thursday, the 23rd inst. The business meeting in the morning was held in the new Science apartments, and that for hearing the President's address, in the Redpath museum in the afternoon, both of which were presided over by Col. Gzowski, the Society's able president. The afternoon meeting was honored by the presence of His Excellency Lord Stanley, honorary member, also Sir William Dawson, honorary member. A large number of the active members were present. It is to be regretted that so few students saw their way clear to attend these meetings, which were both interesting and instructive from an Engineers' stand point.

MEDICAL GERMS.

Some of the new Hospital Uniforms must have been purchased ready made. The rapidity of their fit is sometimes startling.

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Apropos of the photo., it has been remarked that the Valedictorian's hair has disappeared, and with it the Secretary's side-lights.

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A rumor was lately started that a ghostly appearance has on several occasions been seen in the hospital wards. The nurses have called it J. the R.

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Poor old Mr. Russell is gone. It seems hard to realize that we shall get no more lectures on the grandeur of a medical man's opportunities.

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Keeping awake right after dinner is pure torture. The other day at the Surgical Clinic, Clune was noticed trying to wink at Lewin, and falling asleep in the act.

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There are one or two final men, who make a practice of attending classes for which they are not down, thus taking the work from those to whom it really belongs.

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There is an air of sobriety and seriousness about the Dispensary, which seems to weigh heavily on its old time frequenters. The fellows seem to go there to actually—work.

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The class of '90 were nearly having another dis-sension over the questions of gowns or no gowns, in the graduating picture. Gowns and hoods were decided upon, finally.

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The "Mercury Man" is in the hospital. We have not yet decided by which means "Pete" shall be done to death; but it should be "something pleasant with boiling oil in it."

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It has been vaguely rumored that there is an "Instructor" in Laryngology, attached to the Clinical Staff of the Hospital. Who, how and where he instructs is the present mystery.

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Some blackguard has been writing objectionable anonymous letters to the Professor of Surgery.

It is to be hoped the worthy Dr. will not regard such contemptible action as countenanced by the class, with whom he is deservedly popular.

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"Gentlemen, I notice some of you more interested in the news of the day than in Skin Diseases. Keep the newspapers outside. It is a blessing that we can get rid of them somewhere, for the half of them are trash, forgotten as soon as read and if remembered, of no earthly use."

NIX FORSTAY.

THE UNIVERSITY BANQUET.

Arrangements have now been all but concluded in regard to the University Banquet, which will come off at the Windsor on Friday, the 14th of February, at 7.15 p.m., the price of tickets being \$2.75. The Governor-General, visitor of the University, will unavoidably be absent. Sir Donald Smith, Chancellor, will preside, and the gathering will embrace all features and departments of the University's being and work, including the Donalda students, wives of Professors, and Graduates and lady patronesses. Among the speakers, Sir Daniel Wilson or Principal Grant, Sir William Dawson, Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Hon. Mr. Justice Church, Dean Trenholme, and Principal MacVicar, will be heard, while the Graduates and the Students of the various Faculties will voice their sentiments through elected representatives. An excellent programme of music has been arranged by the Musical Association. It is expected that the regular features of the programme will conclude by eleven o'clock, when doubtless an informal programme of less weight, but more merriment, will succeed.

In conclusion, the committee may fairly lay claim to have done all in their power to make the inaugural University Banquet an unqualified success, and it remains but for the hearty co-operation of all classes in the University to make the undertaking what its best supporters could wish.

Societies.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The above society held its usual meeting on Friday evening, the 24th. The respective merits of German and French civilization were debated with vigor by Messrs. Hibbard and Topp, on the side of the Germans, and Curtis and Ferguson on that of the French. After an earnest and deep discussion, 'Froggy' won.

DELTA SIGMA.

The Society met on Thursday, Jan. 23rd. The attendance of regular members was not what it should have been, but several welcome guests were present, among others Mrs. Ross, a former President of the Society. Miss Reay, in a paper on "The Great North-West," carried her hearers with her on a pleasant trip across the midland prairies. Miss James followed, with an essay on "Canada's Pacific Coast."

The Impromptu Debate "Resolved that the church be disestablished in England," did not show very brilliant speaking, and was won for the negative by a very doubtful majority of one. The speakers were: Affirmative,—Misses Monk, Tatley and Moffatt. Negative,—Misses Abbott, Williams, and Leach.

UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

A regular meeting of this Society was held on the evening of the 24th, the President in the chair. The subject of debate was: Resolved, "that secret societies are wrong in principle and pernicious in their results." The Affirmative was supported by Davidson, Warne, (J. S.), and McDougall, (G. W.). The speakers on the Negative were Tolmie, Ellenwood and Taylor. The decision was unanimous in favor of the Affirmative. The reading for the evening was given by R. S. Hall, and the essay, which was on Secret Societies, by S. W. Mack. T. Lee Quimby, a former student of McGill, kindly acted as critic.

Poetry.

ON THE DISSECTING TABLE.

Here's our "Subject" tall and strong,
With vermillion well injected
Where the blood once coursed along,
Ready now to be dissected.
Someone never claimed, it seems
Friendless midst our Modern Bable,
Did he ever in his dreams
See his table?

Here's the hand that once held fast
All things pleasant to its liking;
Now its active days are past,
Or for friendship or for striking.
Nothing colder here could lie,
Yet on someone's palm there lingers
Sense of its warm touch, while I
Strip the fingers.

How the dead eyes strangely stare
When I lift the lids above them!
Yet some woman lives, I swear,
Who too well had learnt to love them;
Someone since their fatal sleep
Holds their smiles in recollection,
While I put them by to keep
For dissection.

Then the heart I take it out,
Handling it with no compunction;
Once it wildly pulsed, no doubt
Well performed each wondrous function.
Sped the life-blood on its race
In miraculous gyration—
Felt, responsive to one face,
Palpitation.

Where was life then, was it hid,
In each curious convolution,
Packed beneath the cranium lid
With such ordered distribution?
Can we touch one spot and say
Here all thoughts and feelings entered,
Here—'twas but the other day—
Life was centered.

No, that puzzle still remains
One unsolved, supreme attraction;
Here are muscles, nerves and veins
Where was that which gave them action?
Though the scalpel's edge be keen,
Comes no answer from the tissues
Telling us where life has been—
Whence it issues.

Yet this thought remains with him,
Dead he is to outward seeming,
Still those eyes so glazed and dim,
Sees what lies beyond our dreaming.
Know the secret of the spheres,
Truth of doom or bliss supernal,
Read the riddle of the years—
Life eternal!

So we'll leave him, ready now
For to-morrow morning's lecture;
Little reck's that placid brow
Of our wayward, wild conjecture.
It may be our fate to die
All unwept and missed by no men;
As he lies there we may lie—
Absit omen!

FRIENDSHIP.

One questions eagerly. "Can friendship die?"
 Another, as with warning, answers low:
 "The fickle winds of fortune ever blow,
 Full often severing the olden tie.
 Mark now the soul of aspiration high
 Outstrips the lesser soul of progress slow;
 And say if time be not a ruthless foe
 Whom only rarest friendship can defy.
 Unconsciously, perchance, may feeling wane,
 The turning point will oft elude the mind,
 Which some day wonders how the coldness grew,
 Behold yon rainbow through the glistening rain!
 Can'st thou the limit of one colouring find?
 Yet does the violet shade into the blue."

GOWAN LEA.

Correspondence.

Editors University Gazette :—

SIRS,—Can you inform me (1) who the shareholders of THE GAZETTE are, and what are the necessary qualifications? (2) Who do you consider the proper persons to conduct THE GAZETTE?

KICKER.

[(1) The shareholders are a number of ladies and gentlemen, who know nothing of how a paper should be conducted, either financially or editorially. They do not know how to secure advertisements, to write an editorial or to correct a proof. They borrow five dollars and purchase one share each. (2) The proper persons to conduct a college journal are undoubtedly the freshmen. They alone know how to write spirited and sensational articles which will "take," such, for example, the latest freshman contribution on how the Dean should conduct the faculty on the most advanced, scientific and liberal principles.

EDS. UN. GAZETTE].

Editors University Gazette :—

No doubt, all of us are inclined to fall into the mistake of supposing all that is interesting to us is interesting to others. Therefore, it may not be a remarkable coincidence that the number of THE GAZETTE which excited Med's displeasure, had drawn forth groans from the Donalda Department, too. Only, in our case, the sighs were over long accounts of foot-ball matches, and we decided that many unnecessary columns were given to the men's side of college life, while room had not then been found for a report of Sir Wm. Dawson's lecture on "Educated Women," a subject we considered of general interest. Our editor does her best to collect wise and witty sayings, but finds these treasures as rare as precious. This may be because our best thoughts are "too deep for words," or so much of our time is given to the absorption of the ideas of others, we have lost the habit of originality. When, however, our minority is considered, "Feathers from the East Wing" and the spice of occasional contributions may be our fair share of the fortnightly entertainment.

DONALDA.

Editors University Gazette :—

The continued crowding in the library is becoming very troublesome. Often chairs are not available. For the present would it not be practicable to obtain another room similar to the science room for a reference library, in which all the books referred to in the ordinary courses of lectures might be kept? A student might be induced to help the librarian to look after this department.

READER.

Sporting.

HOCKEY.

MEDICINE VS. SCIENCE.

The last match of the Inter-faculty series was played on Wednesday evening, in the Dominion Rink, between representative teams from the Faculties of Medicine and Science, resulting in a most complete victory for Science.

The teams lined up as follows :—

Medicine.	Position.	Science.
Irving.....	Goal.....	Drummond.
N. Walsh.....	Point.....	Smaill.
Sparling.....	Cover Point.....	Pink.
W. Walsh.....	Forwards.....	Jamieson.
Holden.....	".....	Bickerdike.
L. Walker.....	".....	H. Walker.
Taylor.....	".....	Russell.

During the first half, the honors were about evenly divided, and just before half-time Taylor, by a neat shot, scored for Medicine.

Medical stock rose at once, and touched the highest point it reached during the evening. Science, however, were in no way disheartened, as, indeed, their individual play had been quite equal to that of their opponents, while they seemed to play in rather better combination.

The teams faced the puck, for the second half, with stern determination to win stamped on every face.

After ten minutes' hard play, in which Holden, the Walshes, and Irving played beautifully for Medicine; while Russell, Smaill, and Jamieson seemed to be always on hand, the first game was scored for Science by a very pretty combination play, in which Russell, Smaill, and Jamieson took part, and H. Walker scored. Time, 10 minutes.

The puck was immediately faced for the third game; Bickerdike getting the drop, passed to Pink, who gave it to Russell, who carried it past two opponents, and then gave Jamieson a chance to score, which he promptly accepted.

The third game was commenced, and seemed to be a repetition of the second, Jamieson again scoring. Time, 1 minute.

They pulled themselves together for the fourth game, and some grand rushes were the order on both sides, Holden and W. Walsh doing their utmost for Medicine, while Russell seemed to be simply irresistible, and Smaill at point, time and time again

snatched victory from the Meds. Drummond, in goal, was ever alert, and several times stopped seemingly impossible shots.

Science are now champions in both football and hockey, a fact of which every member of the Faculty should feel exceedingly proud.

In the Faculty of Arts there are some 200 students, in Medicine about 300, while in Science there are only some 72. These figures speak for themselves, and need no comment.

Another point remains, and that is, as was pointed out in the Med. vs. Science football match, there were some eight or ten of the first team on the Medical side, while Science had but four. In the Med. vs. Science hockey match there were four from the first team among the Medical representatives, and but two with Science. Can it be explained?

G. McDougall, 3rd year Arts, officiated very acceptably as umpire.

DOMINIONS vs. MCGILL.

This was the maiden match for the Dominions, under their new name, they were formerly the Crystals. The match was played before a large gathering of spectators, but McGill was almost wholly represented by a contingent from the youngest faculty, viz., that of Veterinary Medicine (where were Medicine, Arts and Science?) who deserve great credit for the college spirit they have shown since they were amalgamated with McGill, and the other faculties would do well to take "a pointer" from them.

The teams were as follows:—

<i>Dominion.</i>	<i>Position.</i>	<i>McGill.</i>
E. Scanlon.....	Goal	E. Irving.
A. Clapperton.....	Point	W. Smaile.
A. D. Ritchie.....	Cover Point.....	T. N. Walsh.
J. MacDonald.....	Forwards.....	H. Kinghorn.
D. Brown.....	"	W. E. Walsh.
R. Laing.....	"	H. Y. Russell.
W. Laing.....	"	F. Fry.
W. Hinton.....	Umpires	W. Pink.

Referee, J. Robertson.

The play was fast and interesting throughout the match, and there is a very marked improvement in McGill play since the last match, but they must indulge in more team, and less individual play before they can compare favorably with the city teams.

In the first half, the Dominions scored two games, to McGill's nothing, Brown and MacDonald doing the needful.

In the second half, shortly after play began Smaile raised the puck from center-rink, and Scanlon in his endeavour to stop it put it through.

During the remainder of the match the play was very fast, and Brown and Ritchie each added another game to the Dominion score.

The match was a great treat from the spectators' point of view, there being absolutely no rough or ungentlemanly play. Score, Dominions 4, McGill 1.

M. G. U. A. A.

The annual meeting of the McGill University Athletic Association was held on Saturday the 24th inst., in the Arts building, a large number of members being present. The meeting being called to order, the retiring secretary, Peers Davidson, read his annual report, which contained many valuable suggestions; among others the advisability of having more method in the manner of commencing work at the beginning of each session, a reform which is much needed. He also mentioned the likelihood of McGill soon owning a gymnasium, equal to the best, on a very convenient site. The Treasurer's report was next read and showed a very fair balance, yet very much smaller than that of former years. The accounts having been audited the report was adopted.

The election of officers for the coming season was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

President, Sir Wm. Dawson, L.L.D., unanimously re-elected.

Vice-President, A. R. Hall. Law.

Secretary, D. B. Holden, B.A. Med.

Treasurer, Professor B. J. Harrington, B.A., Ph.D., unanimously re-elected.

Assistant Treasurer, J. T. Whyte. Arts.

After some routine business and a good deal of discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

It only remains now for the different faculties to elect their two representatives each, for the general committee for '90 and '91 to be ready for work.

THE MEDICALS' TRAMP.

The weather was inclined to be rough on Saturday night, and an uncertain condition of the atmosphere, with snow flurries and chances of hard walking through deep snow, kept some, and the terror of an examination in Physiology on Monday, kept others away; and so, at 5.45, only 50 of the 110 or so who had promised to go, turned up. Beers, '91, led the way, headed by the trumpeters, who blew blasts which were sufficient to make the "subs." turn over and wonder if that were the trump they were told about. Of course, Beers is nothing if not original, and so insisted on taking the track and going over the mountain, past the slide, through about sixteen or eighteen inches of snow, which was all right for those in mocassins and long stockings, but rather hard on those who had their boots on. A few minutes after seven they arrived at their destination, and the all-important question—"Is supper ready?" was almost the universal one. Luckily, inside of a few minutes an answer in the affirmative was brought, and about 50 hungry trampers sat down to roast beef, ham, rolls, coffee, pies, etc. After supper, a whiff of a fragrant cigar, in an arm-chair, with legs stretched in front of the spacious ingle-side, and watching the faint blue cloud floating to the ceiling. In the all-absorbant feeling of comfort and good-will towards all men, banishes for the moment all recollections of lectures and examinations, and in the silent communion we hold with those faces of old-time friends we see in the changeful flickering of the glowing coal,

we only know "that it is good to be here;" and the fact that we have a three mile tramp through the snow, home, disturbs us not—"sufficient for the day is the evil thereof"—and for the present we are quite content to sit still and build castles in the air.

"Now he's got you, Gunter—no, by Jove!—did ye see that canon? Well done, old boy!" So some of the boys are playing billiards, others are at pool, while a tremendous tramping overhead gives the idea that some sport is going on; so, throwing the cigar away, and going upstairs, a cry of "look-out, forwards!" and a general scrimmage, and we have a veritable football team game. Just now a couple start a swinging waltz, the contagion spreads. Hayes, seeing that someone has been listening, redoubles his efforts on the piano, and soon the whole room is occupied by the dancers; but their exertions begin to tell, and one by one they drop off and take a seat; and now Feron, accompanied by Wells (of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine) on a guitar, give us a song, "If the waters could speak." At this juncture "the father of the year" comes in, and is duly bounced—not very high, though—and then a walking match takes place. Gorrol tries hard, but Maurice tries harder, and comes in half a lap ahead; but, alas! he knows not when to stop, and goes on alone for another lap! Bowie next gave us an exhibition of what he could do on the mouth-organ, during which Mr. Bottrel was observed standing at the door, and coming into the room at the conclusion of the harmonica solo, was given three and a tiger. In reply, Mr. Bottrel said "he just wished to say a word or two with reference to the membership tickets. He had seen, in a previous issue of this paper, that *he* had presented the tickets, but that this was a misunderstanding; he had merely suggested it and helped to carry it out, and that they had their own professors, principally, to thank. In conclusion, he welcomed those who came for the first time, and hoped that the present 3rd year, when they were 4th year men, would do all in their power to make the Club House a popular winter resort." Chabot here sang "Lac St. Pierre," followed by Feron, who was duly presented with a bouquet in the form of a whisk, with several layers of newspaper wrapt round it. The tug-of-war rope was now handed down, and R. Webster, Evans, Ellis, Parker, and Kingston thought they could pull Kellie, Clarke, Beers, Bisset, and Webster, but found their mistake when pulled all over the floor. After another song and chorus, Parker and Kellie faced each other in a cock-fight, and amid intense excitement Parker won the first toss, and after some 10 minutes Kellie's patience gave out, and Parker again tossed him over. In the elephant races, Curtis and Lambert won, after several trials. The first three-legged race resulted in a tie between Harris and Clarke and Lambert and Armstrong. In the second heat, Lambert and Armstrong fell when turning, and Harris and Clarke came in victorious. Another song and chorus gave the boys time to get their wind for a dance, and then formed up for two sets. We must not forget an important item in the evening's programme—a fancy drill march, under command of Evans, '90, and Walker, '93, and which was very commendably done.

In the mean time the clock hands had been travelling slowly along, and now stood at five to ten. On a vote being taken, it was decided to remain until 10.30. For some few minutes previously a thoughtful looking man had been surveying the scene, and judging (rightly) that after the active exercises indulged in, a ride would be preferred to a walk in, approached Evans, and intimated his willingness to take the crowd in for 15c. a head. "Agreed," was the vote, and at 10.30, about, the band struck up, and as the sleigh was moving, it may be safe to presume the notes were in harmonic progression, and so we reached home. "Tired?" Well, yes; but then, that's what we went out for. "Did you enjoy yourselves?" We did. "What about the supper?" Well—apart from the chronic kickers, who will kick at anything, from a football up, and who would feel grieved and hurt if were nothing to kick about—apart from these, there is really ground for complaint that the supper was not really worth what it cost, viz., 60c. a head, but it must be borne in mind that 25c. of the 60c. was for the room, and only 35c. for this supper; and taking it all in all, it was as good, if not better, than could be obtained in the city at the same price, and there was plenty of it; and further, over 100 promised to come, and arrangements were made accordingly, and only 50 showed up; whereas, had the hundred come, it would have been much cheaper individually. When the Emeralds had their supper about a fortnight ago, it cost 50c. a head. In the meantime, I would suggest that the committee which takes the tramp in hand next year, will come to some definite arrangements about the *menu* card before the night of the tramp.

With reference to the Club House itself, it has admirable accommodation, and is comfort itself; but we would criticise one portion of it—that is the bar. It seems a pity that while the Club House is run on temperance principles (and may the day never come on which it will be otherwise), it seems a pity that the art of mixing pleasing temperance drinks should be left in the hands of those who sell them to induce the sale of demoralising and brain-destroying beverages. The ginger-ale, cider, or ginger-beer on sale would warrant one in a strong suspicion that the bottle had just been taken off the stove, and is served in a small, thick glass, which has to be allowed to settle (effervesce) before it can be filled; as a result, it is warm, insipid, and not only tasteless, but rather nauseating. Why not make our temperance drinks as pleasing to the palate as possible? If only half the care were bestowed on temperance drinks that is given to alcoholic mixtures by bar-tenders and others, the temptation would not be so great to call for something that had a taste to it.

In conclusion, I think the complete rest and change of scene for one evening is invaluable as a refresher to the brain, and one returns to his books twice as intelligently as if just free from lectures; for this reason, it is to be hoped, that next time a goodly turn-out to the Club House will take place.

OMEGHA.

Personals.

Dr. Stewart has been out of town since Friday.

St. Geo. J. Boswell, B.A.Sc., '74, is Harbour Engineer of Quebec.

A. B. Owens, 1st year Law, has just recovered from an attack of diphtheria.

R. C. Smith, B.C.L., also has cause to be congratulated upon his joining the Grand Army.

A. P. Low, B.A.Sc., '82, and D. B. Dowling, B.A.Sc., '83, were in town to attend the annual meeting of the C.S.C.E.

T. W. Lesage, B.A.Sc., '85, has become a benedict. There are three more Science men on deck. The Science editors are about to start a matrimonial column.

J. E. LeRossignol, B.A., '88, sends us, from Germany, a document which we take to be very valuable, and accordingly publish the title, at least we suppose it to be the title; anyway, it is all that is to found on the page where that announcement should be:—"Verzeichniss der im Winter-Halbjahre 1889-90, auf der Universität Leipzig zu Haltenden Vorlesungen. Der Anfang der Vorlesungen ist auf den 15. October, der Schluss auf den 15. März festgesetzt." We confess to a great deal of edification from its perusal, and obligation to LeRossignol for his thoughtfulness.

Between the Lectures.

"Jimmy got his hair cut."

Four lectures a week in Pathology is a pretty good jog for feeble third year men.

Pillows and blankets may now be obtained for use during lectures. 3rd year Chemistry please note.

Who stole the bottle of ginger-ale at the Club House on Saturday night, while getting change for a \$10 bill?

In last week's lectures on alcohol it was to be noticed and commended that no specimen was passed around the class as is customary with other drugs.

The sigh of the gas engine and the whiz of the dynamo is to be heard in the main building. We are glad to note the practical ability of the Prof. of Physics.

The latest is a vague story of the wonderful sagacity of a horse, who, with several of the leading spirits from that Faculty, went out on an expedition "to paint the town."

Some men have an unquenchable thirst for notoriety. The third year man who turned the organ crank, and the freshy who passed round the hat, on the corner of University and Sherbrooke, a few days ago, are included in the above category. This is also a besetting fault of the fourth year men.

College World.

College journalism originated at Dartmouth in 1800 with Daniel Webster as one of the editors.

The freshman class at Williams have adopted this yell: "Hekaton, hekaton, 'rah, 'rah, 'rah, tria, kai, enenakonta."

Toronto University Football team, have got a new wrinkle in the way of rushing. McGill team congratulates the groom and sympathises with the bride.

Dr. Caroline Schultz, the first woman to be received as a house surgeon in the French hospital, is engaged to be married to her colleague, Dr. Bertillon.

An examination in gymnastics is now required of Johns Hopkins undergraduates before the degree will be given. Vaulting, jumping and simple exercises on the parallel bar and ladder are among the requirements.

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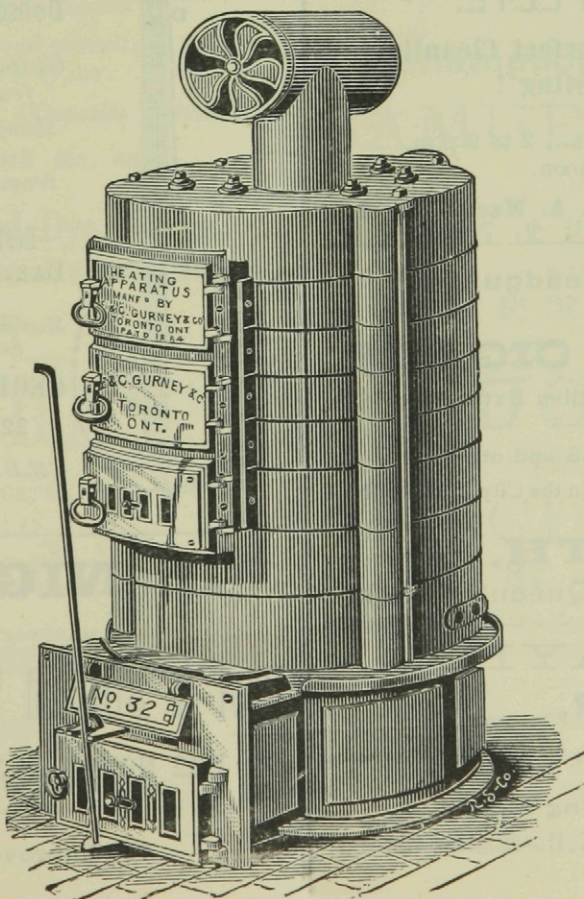
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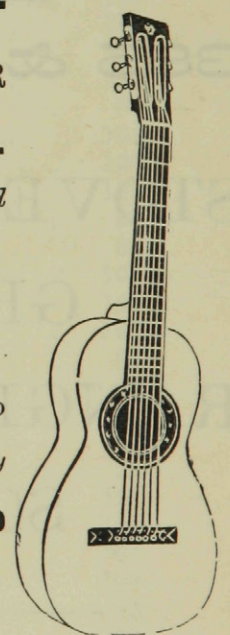
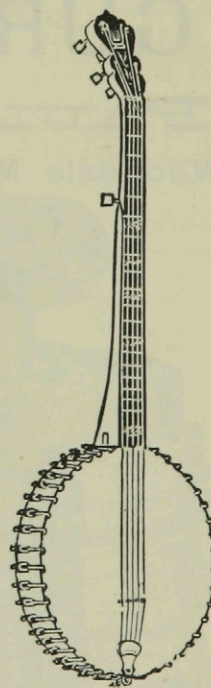
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